

CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication: Big Stan

Other known title(s): Not stated

OFLC ref: 0900519.000

Medium: DVD

Distributor: Sony Pictures Home Entertainment

Director: Rob Schneider

Producer: John Schneider
et al.

Country of origin: United States

Language: English

Applicant: Film & Video Labelling Body

Classification:	Objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 16 years.
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Excisions: No excisions recommended

Descriptive note: Contains violence, sexual references and offensive language.

Display conditions: None

Date of entry in Register: 09 June 2009

Date of direction to issue a label: 09 June 2009

	Components	Running time
Menu:	Play Feature Scene Selection Extras	
Feature(s):	Big Stan	104:38
Timed component(s):	Copyright Warning/Sony Pictures Home Entertainment/Hoyts Distribution Notices	0:37

	The Spirit	2:02
	College	2:17
	Comedy Is Pain: The Making Of Big Stan	30:25
	Odds & Ends	4:14
Total running time:		144:13

Summary of reasons for decision:

The film Big Stan was originally rated "M" in Australia and given the same rating by the Film and Video Labelling Body prior to its release in New Zealand. The DVD contains additional components that caused the Australian classification body to alter the original classification. These additional components have now been examined by the Office of Film and Literature Classification in New Zealand.

The context in which the additional material will be viewed is a comedy feature containing sexual references and frequent instances of coarse or highly offensive language, used in conjunction with numerous "humorous" references to anal rape in prison. There is also considerable martial arts violence and some cruelty. The treatment of these matters in additional components tends to deconstruct violent material in a manner that reduces its impact. However, two behind-the-scenes featurettes increase the extent of the bad-taste elements in the feature, notably with further examples of sexual slang and "humorous" jokes and references to anal rape. The presence of further vulgarity and highly offensive language in the additional material and, in particular, the inclusion of a crude and gratuitous instance of highly offensive language, increases the extent and degree of such material to a high level. The availability of the DVD is likely to cause injury to the public good unless it is restricted to older teenagers and adults. The original classification is therefore altered to reflect the additional content of the DVD.